

MoveOn.org. I voted against that motion to recommit, and I did it because it attacked the first amendment.

There is a tradition in the House that we address the conduct and not speech, speech which is protected by the first amendment, that flag, and the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

Now, when we start to attack speech and don't attack other speech, by implication we approve of the other speech. This House by not attacking Don Imus for his statements about African American women, this House by not attacking the individuals who questioned Max Cleland's citizenship or his honor, this House that did not condemn Rush Limbaugh and his statements about Senator HAGEL and Michael J. Fox, or Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson who question people who are gay and lesbian and feminists for the attacks on Katrina.

When we attack one group for speech and don't attack others, by implication we approve the other's speech, and that is wrong, and that is why the motion to recommit was wrong, and it is a dangerous precedent.

#### WORLD WAR II VETERAN BRUCE HAMMOND AND THE TWILIGHT WISH FOUNDATION

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, Bruce Hammond came to Washington, DC yesterday. He traveled here with the Twilight Wish Foundation to have his lifetime desire to see the World War II Memorial granted.

Bruce Hammond was an 18-year-old drafted right out of high school in 1944. He served honorably in the United States Army in Europe. Hammond, from Cleveland, Texas, had his wish fulfilled through the Twilight Wish Foundation. The mission of this foundation is to demonstrate care and respect for seniors in America. It grants wishes for seniors on fixed incomes who are below the poverty level. Some wishes are as simple as supplying a hearing aid.

Hammond wanted to see our country's tribute to World War II veterans. Corporal Hammond spent most of yesterday at the Memorial with his sons in solemn tribute and reflection of his buddies back in World War II.

I commend the Twilight Foundation for working to honor our seniors, and we shall always remember our Greatest Generation and their sacrifice and service to this country.

And that's just the way it is.

#### RECOGNIZING DEDICATION OF JUDGE ARNOLD COURTHOUSE

(Mr. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand here today with my colleague

from Arkansas to honor and remember a fellow Arkansan who dedicated his life to serving the public and upholding justice across our great Nation. Texarkana native Judge Richard Arnold spent his lifetime in the court system, from the U.S. District Court to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, where he rose to be chief judge in 1992. Judge Arnold even ran for Congress for the seat which I now hold, Arkansas Fourth Congressional District, before he began his distinguished legal career in the Federal court system.

I am proud that the new United States Federal Courthouse in Little Rock, Arkansas, which will be dedicated tomorrow, will be forever named the Richard Sheppard Arnold United States Courthouse. Judge Arnold was admired for his fairness and will be forever remembered as a dedicated public servant who cared deeply about his family, his work, his State, and his country. I am honored to deliver these remarks as a tribute to his life and career.

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#### 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

Time and again, the brave men and women of the United States Air Force have answered the call of duty to serve and protect this great Nation. It's because of them that we have the best Air Force in the world, and they will continue to expand that legacy of true excellence and air dominance.

As a 29-year Air Force veteran, it's my honor to congratulate them on 60 years of exemplary service and wish them many more years of air superiority to come.

They all are shining examples of "service before self," one core motto of the Air Force. They protect the safety and security of all U.S. citizens.

As they say in our song, "Nothing will stop the U.S. Air Force."

God bless all the men and women of the United States Air Force. I salute you.

#### GLOBAL WARMING

(Mr. MARKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, this week the world convened at the United Nations to combat climate change, but President Bush stayed away.

While the rest of the world knows that carbon dioxide threatens the planet, this administration can't even decide if it endangers the planet.

President Bush's response is not action, but talk. Instead of stopping the pollution, he starts a filibuster.

President Bush has decided to host a conversation to discuss his aspiration for procrastination on global warming until he leaves office. It is time for America to save the planet from another 50 years of red, white and blue CO<sub>2</sub>. It is time for America to use its technological genius to launch a new future of clean power, new jobs, and lower cost.

We have no choice. The ice is melting. The coral is dying. The forests are burning, and 30 percent of all species are in danger of extinction.

President Bush, it is time to stop the empty rhetoric and to start saving the planet.

#### CLEAR ACT UPDATE

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago I introduced the Charlie Norwood CLEAR Act, which targets violent criminal aliens and gives local law enforcement the tools they need to get them off the street. This legislation now has bipartisan support and has 140 sponsors, cosponsors; and we are adding to that.

Last week I conducted a telephone town hall, and the overwhelming majority of the callers on that phone call demanded that Congress take action, take some action, not just talk about removing criminal aliens, but take action to get them off the street. This bill accomplishes that goal.

Mr. Speaker, as we hear about the events that have taken place since September 11, Fort Dix, Newark, and in Arizona recently, we know it is needed. So I encourage my colleagues, cosponsor the CLEAR Act, H.R. 3494. Support ridding our streets and our communities of criminal aliens and absconders.

#### PRIORITIES

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Defense Secretary Gates requested 43 billion more dollars for the war in Iraq, 43 billion more dollars to support the President's plan for more of the same. We have spent \$400 billion in 4 years on the war in Iraq.

For 41 days of the cost of the war, 10 million children would get health care. For 1 month for the cost of the war, 7½ million children would get health care. For 1 week of the cost of the war, 2½ million children would get health care.

While billions have gone unaccounted for in Iraq, and the administration has shown no willingness to do what is necessary to crack down on the waste, fraud and abuse in Iraq, the President calls health care for American children excessive spending.